

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4223  
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OPENING OF NEW HOSPITALS DISPENSARIES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that the Government hospitals and dispensaries in West Bengal are in pitiable condition ;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government to improve their condition;
- (c) whether the Union Government is planning to open some new hospitals and dispensaries to meet the demand of the people in the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the budgetary allocation for the current year for health sector in West Bengal?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (f): Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to regulate/monitor the functioning of its hospitals and dispensaries. It is also for the State Government to assess the requirement and to open new hospitals and dispensaries to meet the demand of the people of the State within its resources.